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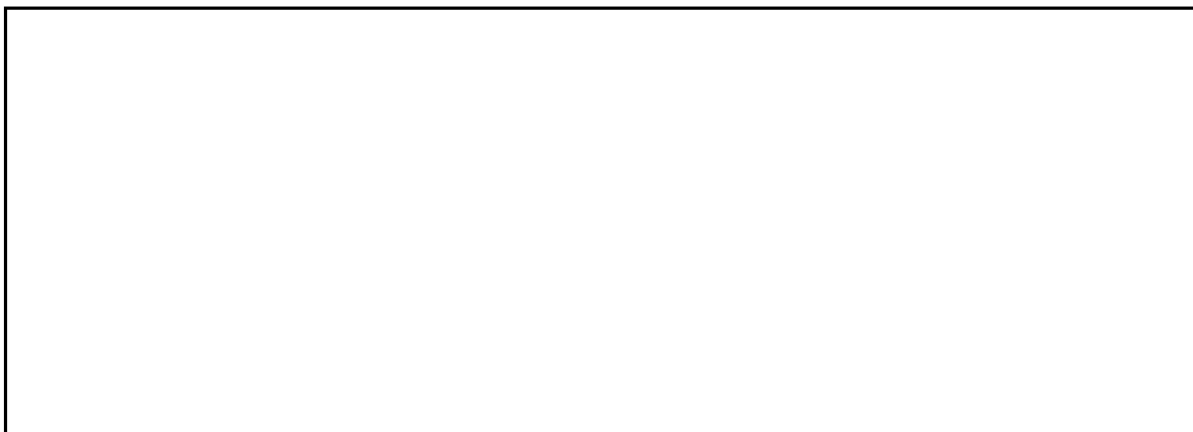
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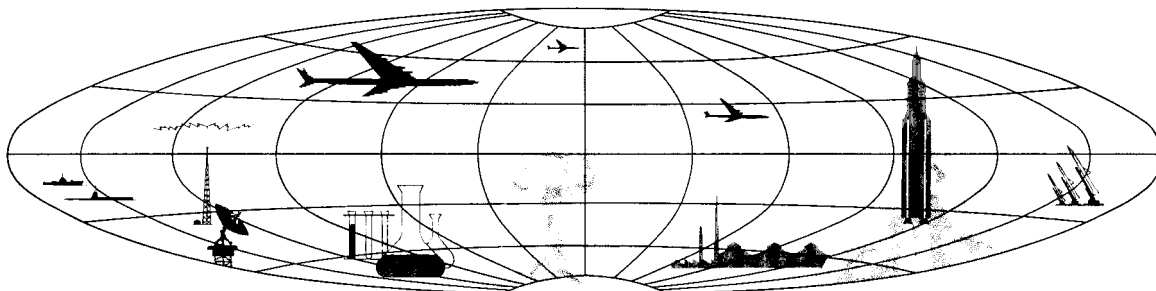
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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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MOZDOK AMMUNITION DEPOT AND ASSOCIATED INSTALLATIONS

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MOZDOK, SEVERO-OSETINSKAYA ASSR, USSR

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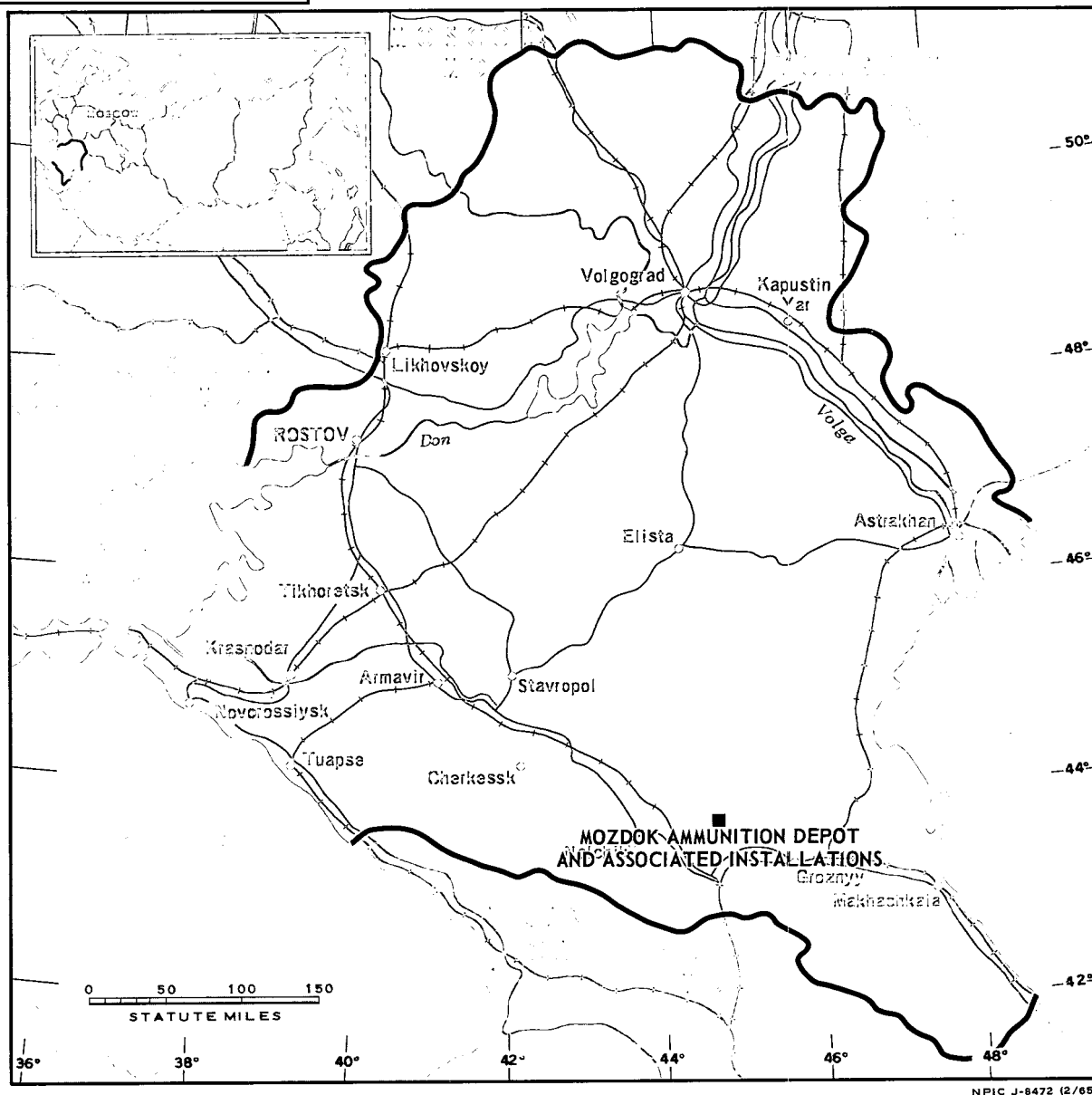


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MOZDOK AMMUNITION DEPOT AND ASSOCIATED INSTALLATIONS.

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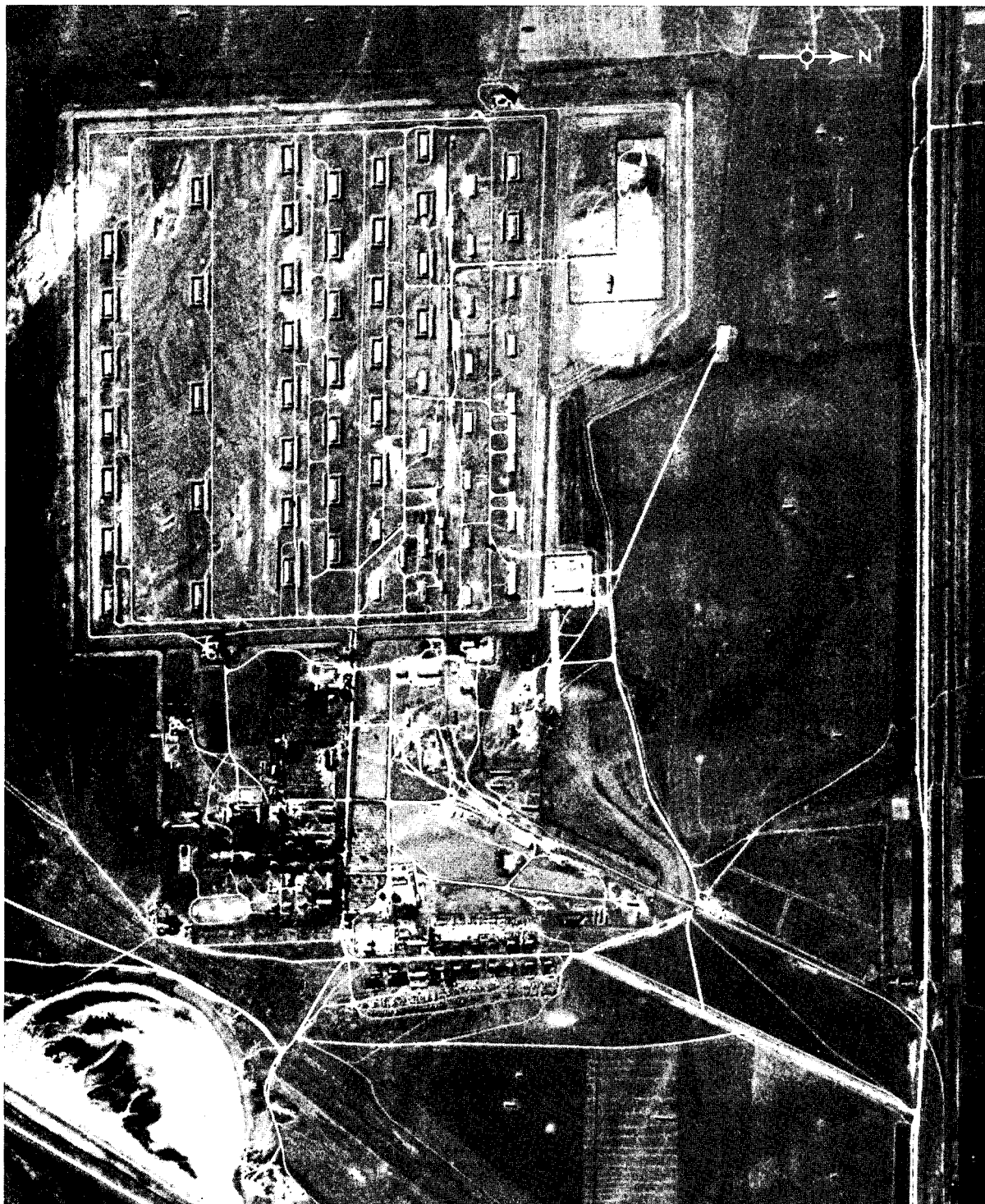


FIGURE 2. MOZDOK AMMUNITION DEPOT AND ASSOCIATED INSTALLATIONS, MOZDOK, USSR, [REDACTED]

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SUMMARY

An installation 10 kilometers (km) west of Mozdok comprises an ammunition depot, immediately east, a missile support facility (BE No [redacted]), and on the northwest corner of the depot the [redacted]. During the [redacted] a small square area, its function undetermined, was added to the northeast corner of the ammunition depot.

With no apparent specific relationship to other military installations in the vicinity, this installation is probably a direct responsibility of the military district.

The combined installation covers 800 acres and contains 57 explosives storage buildings (39 revetted), 14 multi-unit family-type quarters, 13 barracks, 10 administration buildings, 12 general support buildings, 5 rail trackside docks, 5 general storage buildings, 2 water towers, 2 guard towers, 1 guard building, 1 drive-through bunker, 1 checkout building, 2 motor parks, 1 vehicle repair building, 2 vehicle sheds, 1 playing field, 1 unidentified new building, and an unidentified new building under construction.

The installation was covered by photography from early in World War II to the present. While photography from 1942-43 shows the ammunition

depot with about half its present area and facilities, photography from [redacted] reveals the depot and the missile support area in substantially their present form, the most important difference being that only 4 storage buildings were revetted in 1957.

Photography from [redacted] shows the addition of a drive-through bunker in what is now designated [redacted]

[redacted] photography reveals a checkout building near the drive-through bunker, the new area in the northeast corner of the ammunition depot, and 3 additional barracks and 2 additional family quarters. A building was under construction in the new area in [redacted] and was completed by [redacted] when foundations for another building of the same size and shape and a new road extending east-northeast to a small triangular area, which may be the site for communications towers, were observed.

Army DPIR-51-58 (see references) reports an artillery school, but the absence of gunnery ranges and tactical areas discounts the statement. However, an ordnance school is probably conducted among the ample facilities in the support area.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

A rail spur in the storage area connects with the Rostov-Baku trunk line.

Area F1 contains one 230-foot and three 80-foot trackside docks.

Area E contains one 155-foot trackside dock.

Road Service

A well-developed net of hard surface roads connects all facilities in the installation, and a hard surface access road connects with the highway leading into Mozdok.

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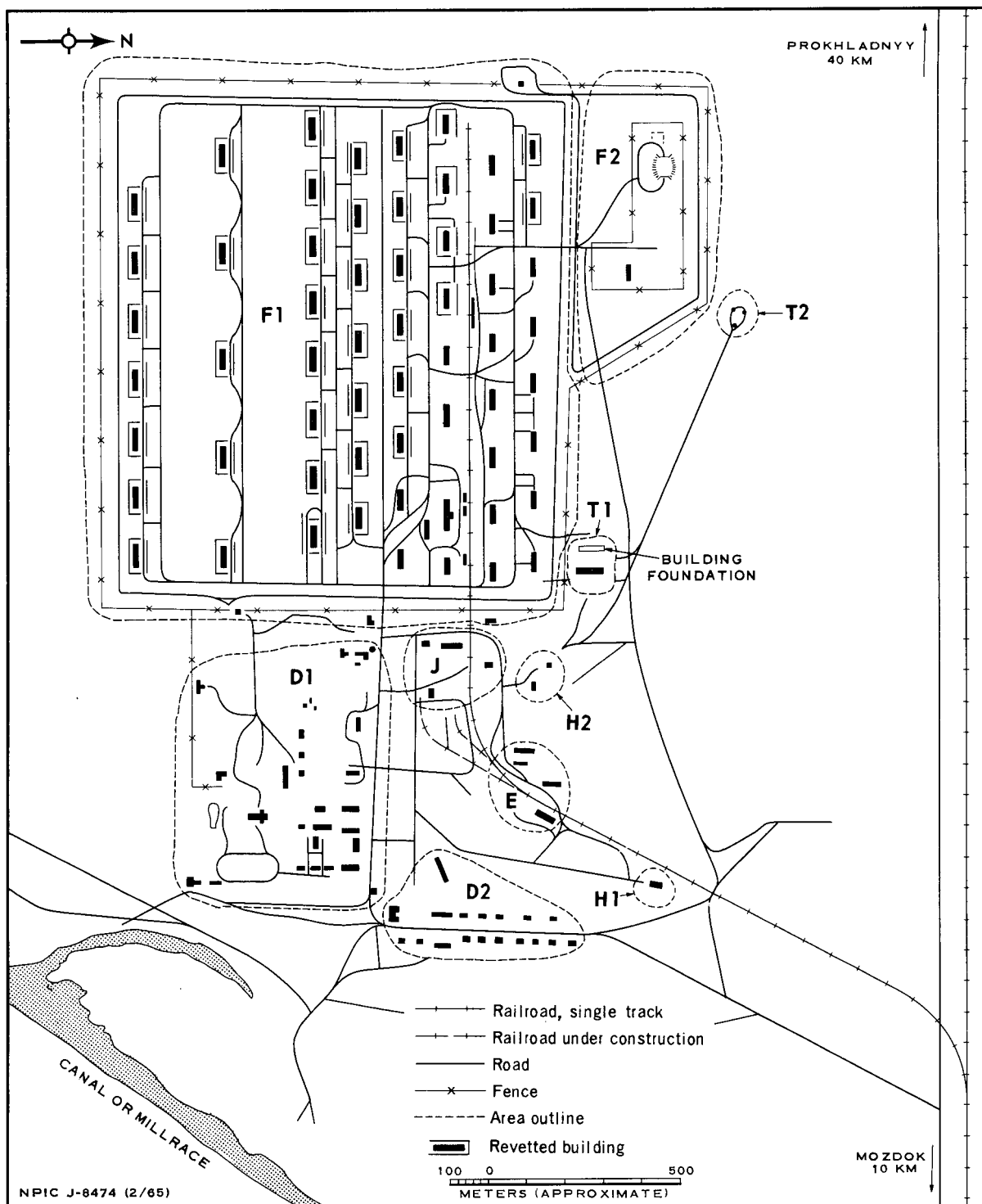


FIGURE 3. MOZDOK AMMUNITION DEPOT AND ASSOCIATED INSTALLATIONS. Sketch compiled from

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Administration and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 contains 2 water or communications towers, 6 administration buildings, 10 general purpose buildings, and 12 barracks. Ten buildings, reported in Army DPIR-51-58, are not observed on more recent photography. Three barracks buildings have been added.

Area D2 contains 1 administration building, 2 general storage buildings, 1 barracks, and 14 multi-unit family quarters. Nine buildings reported in Army DPIR-51-58 are not observed on more recent photography. Two family quarters have been added.

General Storage Area

Area E contains 3 general storage warehouses.

Ammunition Storage Areas

Area F1 contains 57 single-story, gable-roofed, 155- by 50-foot buildings; 2 administration buildings; 1 guard building; and 2 guard towers. Thirty-nine buildings are revetted, compared with 4 in Army DPIR-51-58.

Area F2 contains 1 drive-through bunker and 1 checkout building.

Other Buildings and Facilities

Area H1 contains a general purpose building, 65 by 25 feet, probably servicing the rail and road entrances.

Area H2 contains 1 administration and 1 general purpose building.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area

Area J contains one 360- by 210-foot motor park, one 360- by 160-foot motor park, one 180- by 45-foot vehicle repair building, and two 80- by 40-foot vehicle sheds.

Athletic Fields

Area D1 contains an athletic field (2 were reported in 1958).

Unidentified Facilities or Tracking Activity

Area T1 contains a 235-by 45-foot building and the foundations for another building of the same size (first observed on [] photography) situated in an area 400 feet square.

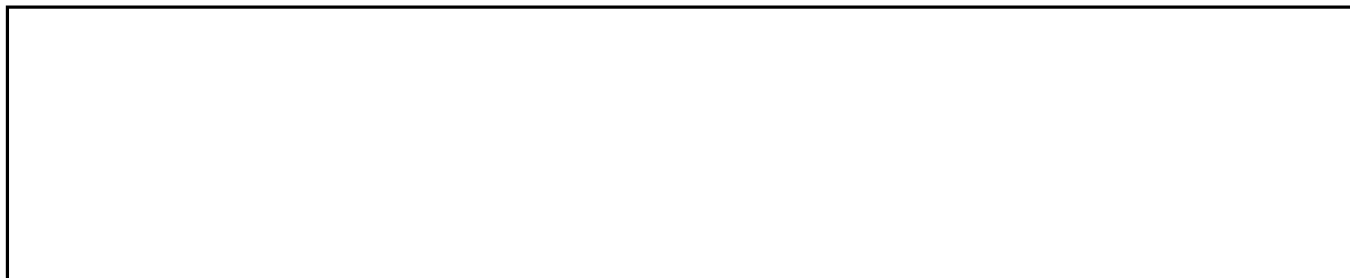
Area T2, a small triangular area at the end of the road leading from T1, contains 3 small circular objects which may be the foundations for communications towers. This area was first seen on [] photography.

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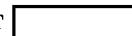
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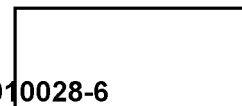
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